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# MEDI-CAL MONTHLY ENROLLMENT FAST FACTS

Characteristics of the Medi-Cal population  
as captured by the Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System  
(MEDS)

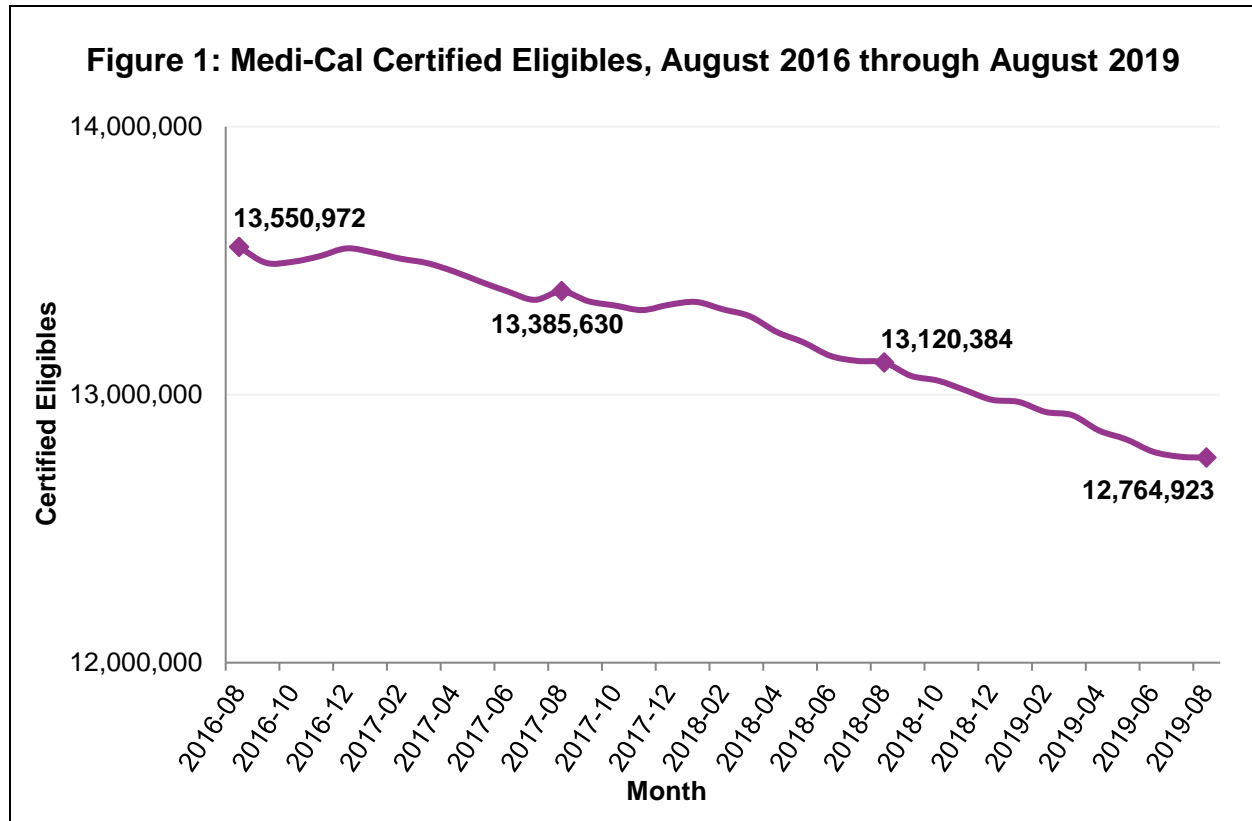
The enrollment data included in this document represent only certified eligible counts. Certified eligibles are those beneficiaries deemed qualified for Medi-Cal by a valid eligibility determination, and who have enrolled into the program. This classification excludes beneficiaries who have a monthly share-of-cost obligation that has not been met, as well as other specific populations. Enrollment counts exclude information related to applications received or any other eligibles that may be in the process of becoming certified eligible.

The counts presented are considered PRELIMINARY and subject to change. The certified eligible counts reflected in this document incorporate four Medi-Cal eligibility updates and reflect roughly 99.2% of all Medi-Cal certified eligibles for the most recent month displayed. A specific month's enrollment count is considered complete for statistical reporting purposes 12 months after the month's end.

Please note that the values presented in figures included in this report may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

*August  
2019*

## August 2019 Certified Eligible Statistics – Medi-Cal Population



**Table 1: Trend in Medi-Cal Enrollment, August 2016 through August 2019**

Month	Medi-Cal Enrollment
August 2016	13,550,972
September 2016	13,492,229
October 2016	13,496,196
November 2016	13,517,034
December 2016	13,546,020
January 2017	13,530,540
February 2017	13,507,825
March 2017	13,491,018
April 2017	13,459,616
May 2017	13,420,951
June 2017	13,385,001
July 2017	13,353,981
August 2017	13,385,630
September 2017	13,348,583
October 2017	13,332,455
November 2017	13,315,880
December 2017	13,335,717

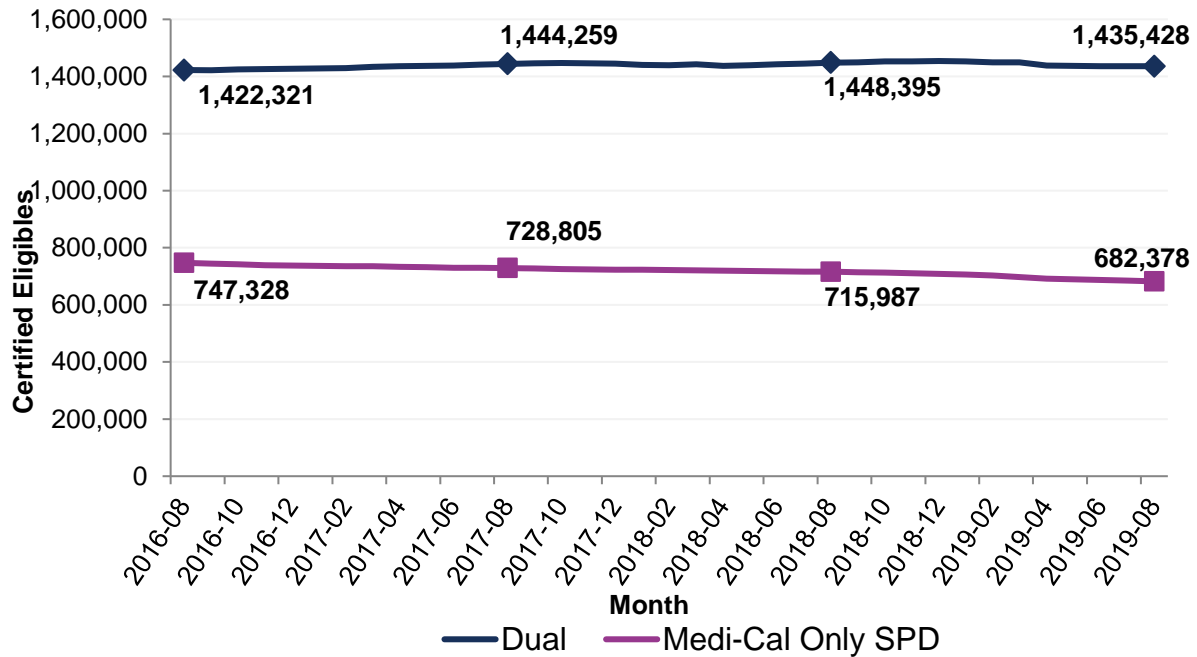


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Month	Medi-Cal Enrollment
January 2018	13,346,127
February 2018	13,318,558
March 2018	13,292,799
April 2018	13,234,195
May 2018	13,195,274
June 2018	13,144,872
July 2018	13,126,241
August 2018	13,120,384
September 2018	13,070,291
October 2018	13,052,485
November 2018	13,017,366
December 2018	12,981,160
January 2019	12,973,146
February 2019	12,935,714
March 2019	12,923,356
April 2019	12,865,894
May 2019	12,833,549
June 2019	12,787,501
July 2019	12,768,732
August 2019	12,764,923

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**Figure 2: Medi-Cal Certified Eligibles – Dual Eligibles & Medi-Cal-Only Seniors and Persons with Disabilities (SPD), August 2016 through August 2019**



**Table 2: Trend in Medi-Cal Enrollment among Dual Eligibles & Seniors and Persons with Disabilities, August 2016 through August 2019**

Month	Dual Eligible Enrollment	Seniors and Persons with Disabilities Enrollment (Non-Dual)
August 2016	1,422,321	747,328
September 2016	1,421,676	744,376
October 2016	1,424,351	742,019
November 2016	1,425,989	739,376
December 2016	1,427,378	737,789
January 2017	1,427,795	736,288
February 2017	1,429,589	735,355
March 2017	1,433,304	735,006
April 2017	1,436,080	733,169
May 2017	1,436,508	731,784
June 2017	1,438,253	730,317
July 2017	1,441,083	730,360
August 2017	1,444,259	728,805
September 2017	1,445,464	727,171

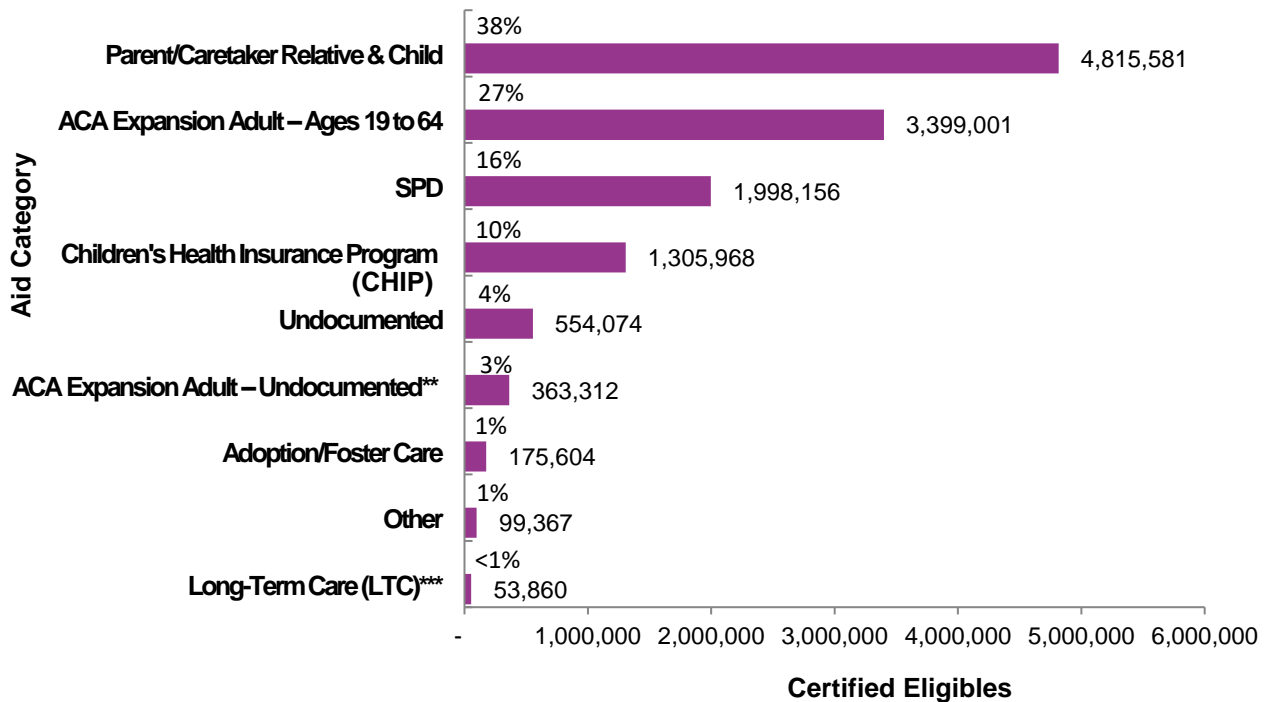


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Month	Dual Eligible Enrollment	Seniors and Persons with Disabilities Enrollment (Non-Dual)
October 2017	1,446,589	725,706
November 2017	1,445,686	724,782
December 2017	1,445,337	723,240
January 2018	1,440,150	722,829
February 2018	1,439,238	721,586
March 2018	1,442,891	720,873
April 2018	1,436,845	719,294
May 2018	1,439,174	718,157
June 2018	1,442,142	717,777
July 2018	1,445,393	716,731
August 2018	1,448,395	715,987
September 2018	1,449,823	714,588
October 2018	1,452,474	713,178
November 2018	1,453,272	710,981
December 2018	1,454,051	708,579
January 2019	1,453,247	705,899
February 2019	1,449,746	702,447
March 2019	1,448,833	697,660
April 2019	1,438,359	691,837
May 2019	1,437,402	689,845
June 2019	1,436,134	687,464
July 2019	1,436,196	685,141
August 2019	1,435,428	682,378

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**Figure 3: Medi-Cal Certified Eligibles by Aid Category, August 2019\***



**Table 3: Medi-Cal Enrollment by Aid Category, August 2019\***

Aid Category	Number of Certified Eligibles	Percentage of Total
ACA Expansion Adult – Ages 19 to 64	3,399,001	27%
ACA Expansion Adult–Undocumented**	363,312	3%
Adoption/Foster Care	175,604	1%
Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	1,305,968	10%
Long-Term Care (LTC)***	53,860	<1%
Other	99,367	1%
Parent/Caretaker Relative & Child	4,815,581	38%
Seniors and Persons with Disabilities (SPD)	1,998,156	16%
Undocumented	554,074	4%
All	12,764,923	100%

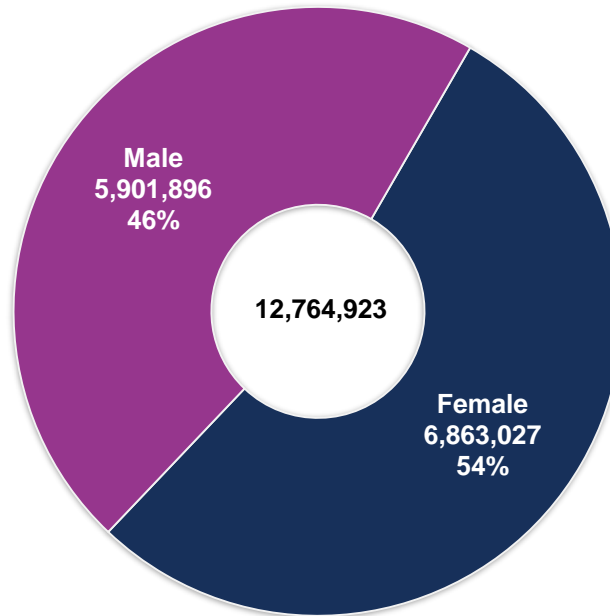
\*Refer to the Appendix for detailed aid code groupings.

\*\* The ACA Expansion Adult – Undocumented group was categorized using the aid codes M2 and L7. Individuals in this aid group are entitled to restricted-scope services, such as pregnancy-related services, emergency services and LTC services.

\*\*\* Individuals enrolled in LTC aid codes 13, 23, 53, and 63. Does not include individuals who may have used LTC services, but were not enrolled in a LTC aid code.

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**Figure 4: Gender, August 2019**

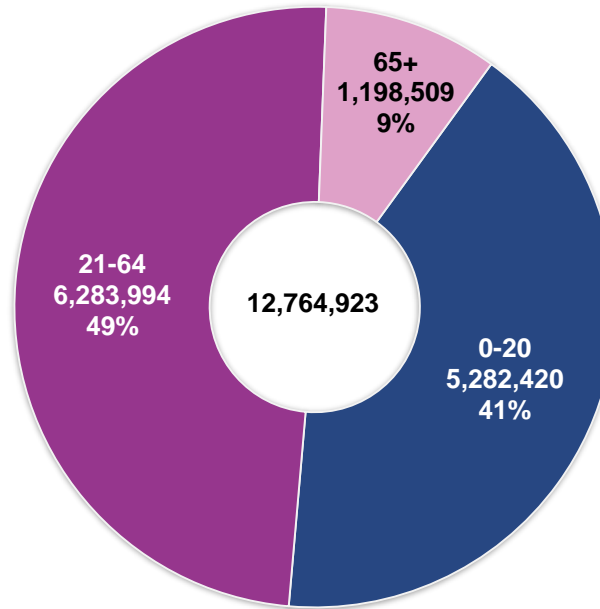


**Table 4: Medi-Cal Enrollment by Gender, August 2019**

Gender	Number of Certified Eligibles	Percentage of Total
Female	6,863,027	54%
Male	5,901,896	46%
All	12,764,923	100%

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**Figure 5: Age Group\*, August 2019**



**Table 5: Medi-Cal Enrollment by Age Group\*, August 2019**

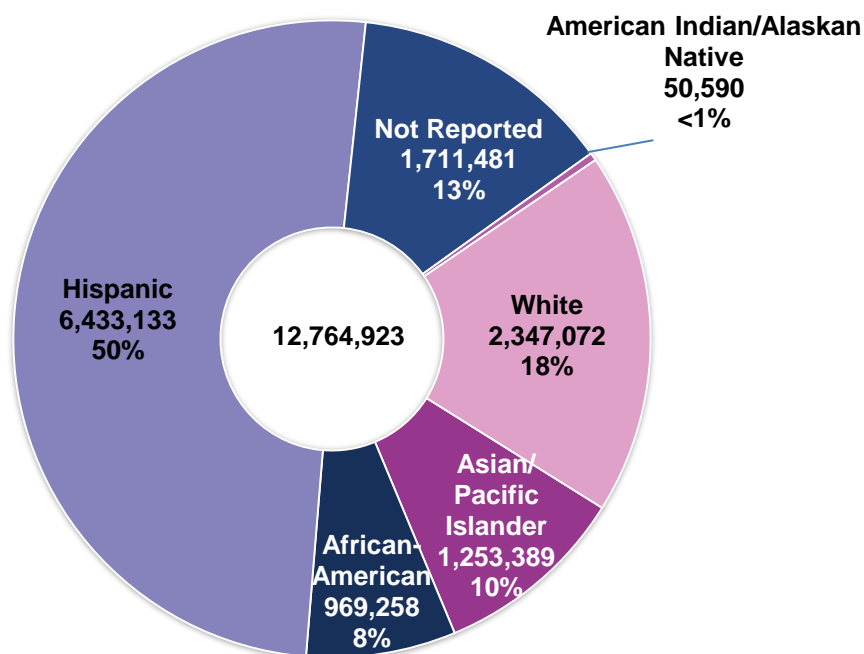
Age Group	Number of Certified Eligibles	Percentage of Total
Ages 0-20	5,282,420	41%
Ages 21-64	6,283,994	49%
Ages 65+	1,198,509	9%
All	12,764,923	100%

\*Twelve certified eligibles without age data were grouped in the “0-20” age cohort.



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**Figure 6: Race/Ethnicity, August 2019**

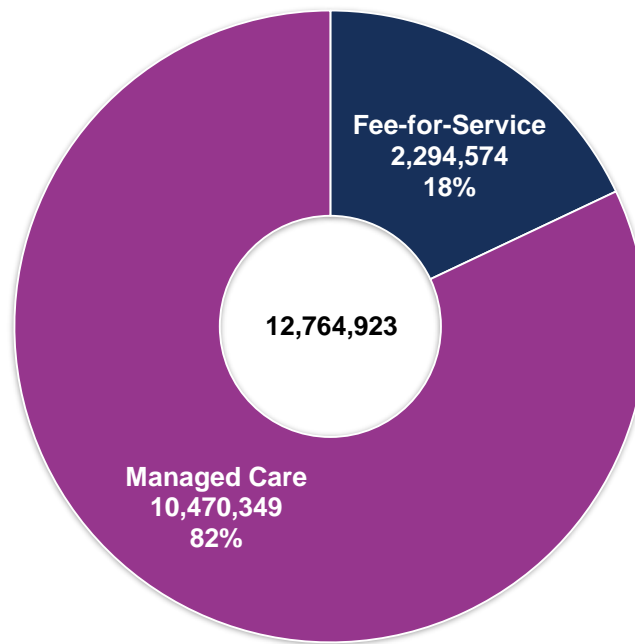


**Table 6: Medi-Cal Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity, August 2019**

Race/Ethnicity	Number of Certified Eligibles	Percentage of Total
African-American	969,258	8%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	50,590	<1%
Asian/Pacific Islander	1,253,389	10%
Hispanic	6,433,133	50%
White	2,347,072	18%
Not Reported	1,711,481	13%
All	12,764,923	100%

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**Figure 7: Delivery System, August 2019**

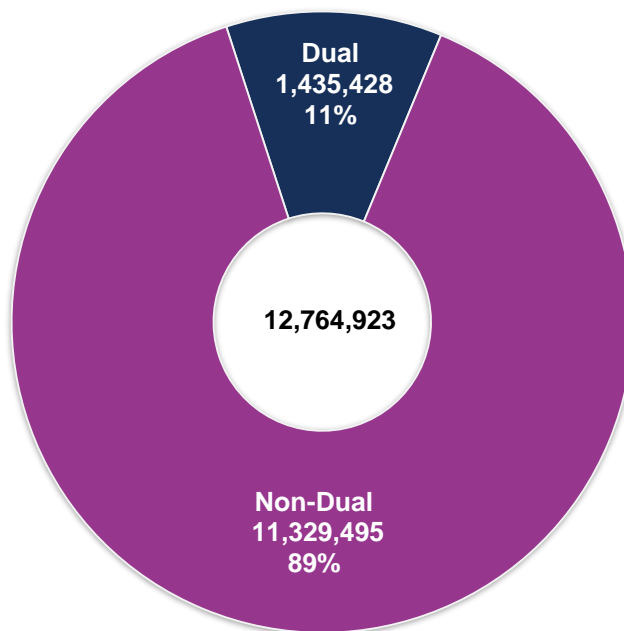


**Table 7: Medi-Cal Enrollment by Delivery System, August 2019**

Delivery System	Number of Certified Eligibles	Percentage of Total
Fee-for-Service	2,294,574	18%
Managed Care	10,470,349	82%
All	12,764,923	100%

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**Figure 8: Dual Status, August 2019**

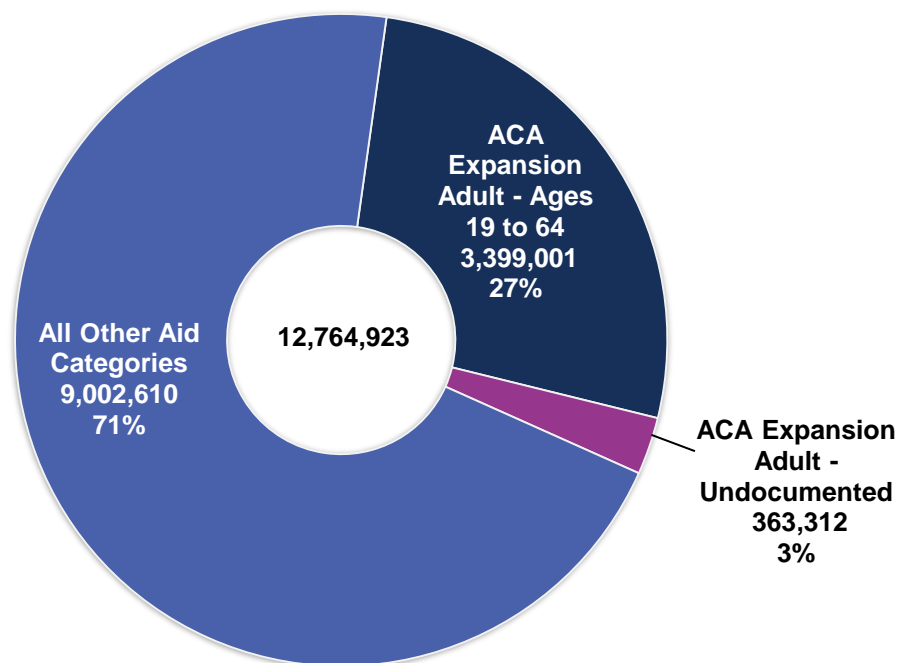


**Table 8: Medi-Cal Enrollment by Dual Eligibility Status, August 2019**

Dual Eligibility Status	Number of Certified Eligibles	Percentage of Total
Dual Eligible	1,435,428	11%
Non-Dual	11,329,495	89%
All	12,764,923	100%

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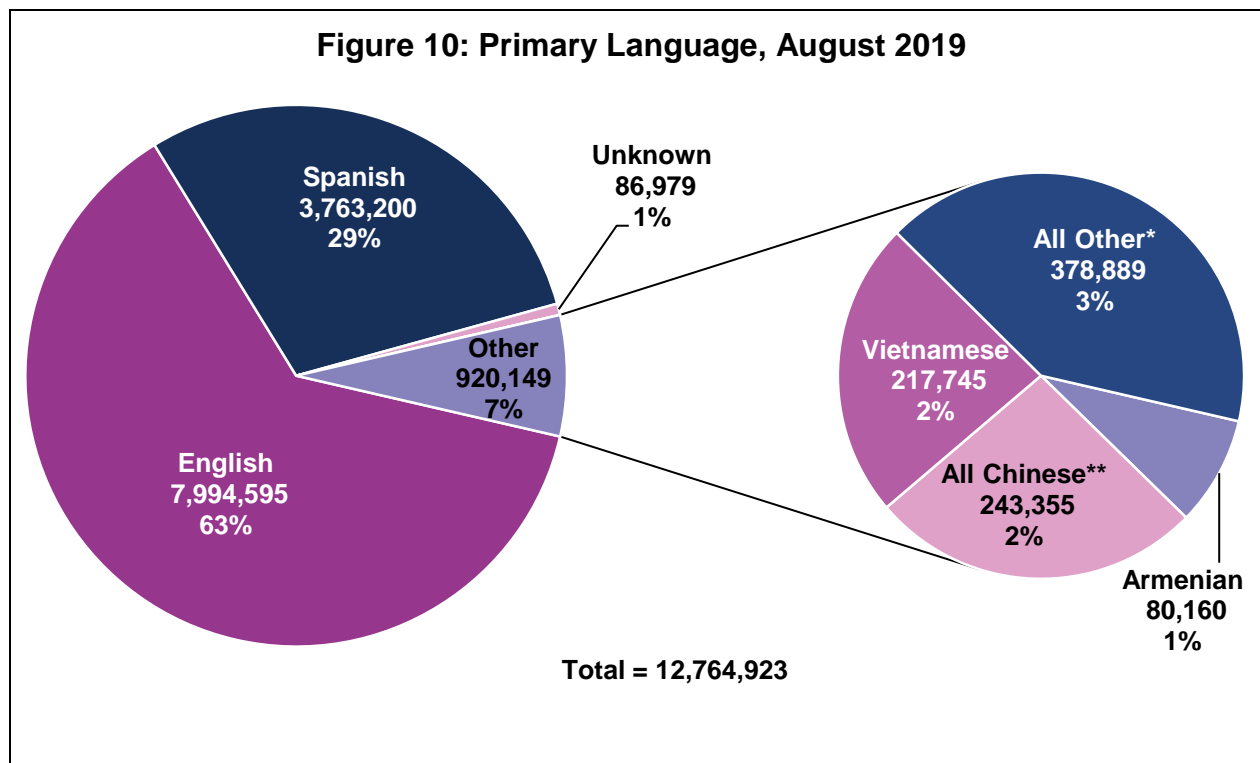
**Figure 9: ACA Expansion Adult – Ages 19 to 64 Aid Category, August 2019**



**Table 9: Medi-Cal Enrollment by ACA Expansion Adult – Ages 19 to 64 Aid Category, August 2019**

ACA Expansion	Number of Certified Eligibles	Percentage of Total
ACA Expansion Adult – Ages 19 to 64	3,399,001	27%
ACA Expansion Adult–Undocumented	363,312	3%
All Other Aid Categories	9,002,610	71%
All	12,764,923	100%

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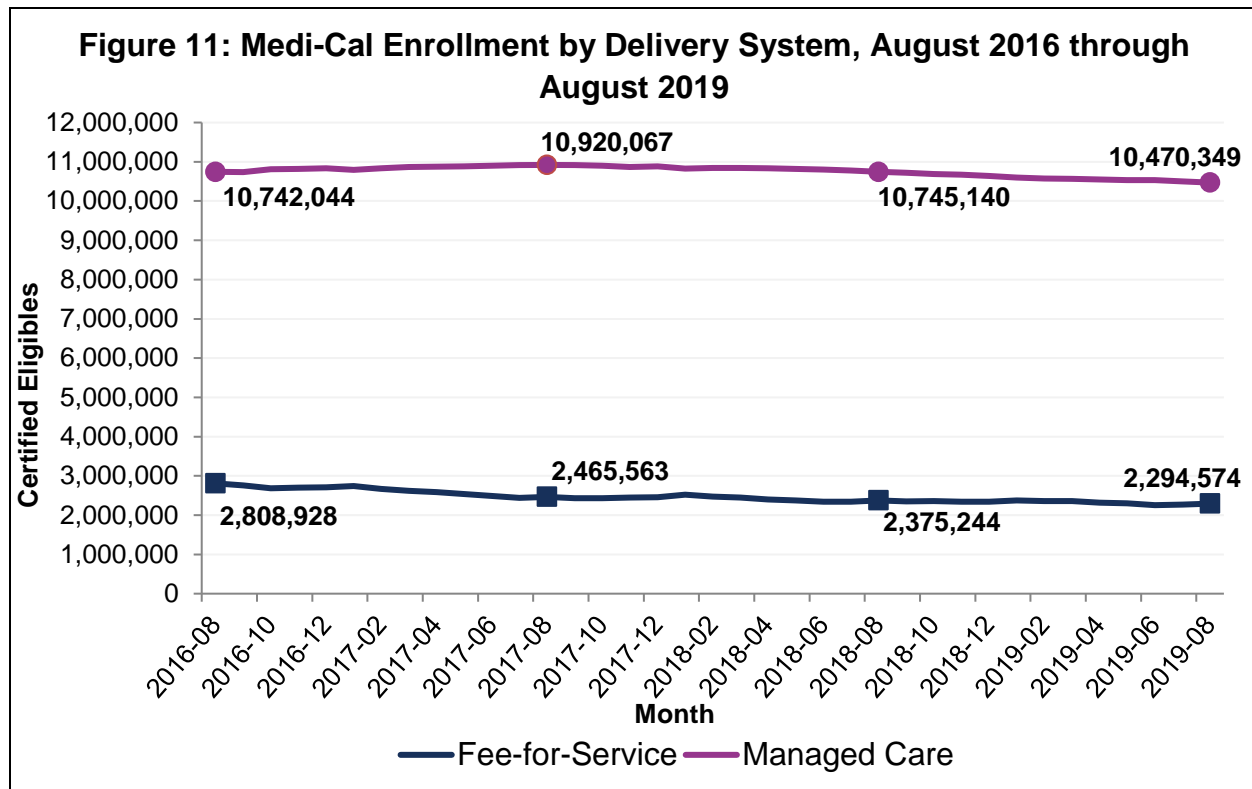
**Table 10: Medi-Cal Enrollment by Primary Language, August 2019**

Primary Language	Number of Certified Eligibles	Percentage of Total
English	7,994,595	63%
Spanish	3,763,200	29%
Armenian	80,160	1%
All Chinese**	243,355	2%
Vietnamese	217,745	2%
Other*	378,889	3%
Unknown	86,979	1%
All	12,764,923	100%

\*Other includes: ASL, Arabic, Cambodian, Farsi, French, Hebrew, Hmong, Ilocano, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Lao, Mien, Other Non-English, Other Sign, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Samoan, Tagalog, Thai, and Turkish.

\*\*All Chinese includes: Mandarin, Cantonese, and Other Chinese.

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**Table 11:** Trend in Medi-Cal Enrollment by Delivery System, August 2016 through August 2019

Month	Fee-for-Service	Managed Care
August 2016	2,808,928	10,742,044
September 2016	2,758,945	10,733,284
October 2016	2,683,053	10,813,143
November 2016	2,697,134	10,819,900
December 2016	2,711,913	10,834,107
January 2017	2,737,532	10,793,008
February 2017	2,669,041	10,838,784
March 2017	2,622,643	10,868,375
April 2017	2,582,712	10,876,904
May 2017	2,540,051	10,880,900
June 2017	2,484,703	10,900,298
July 2017	2,438,492	10,915,489
August 2017	2,465,563	10,920,067
September 2017	2,432,195	10,916,388

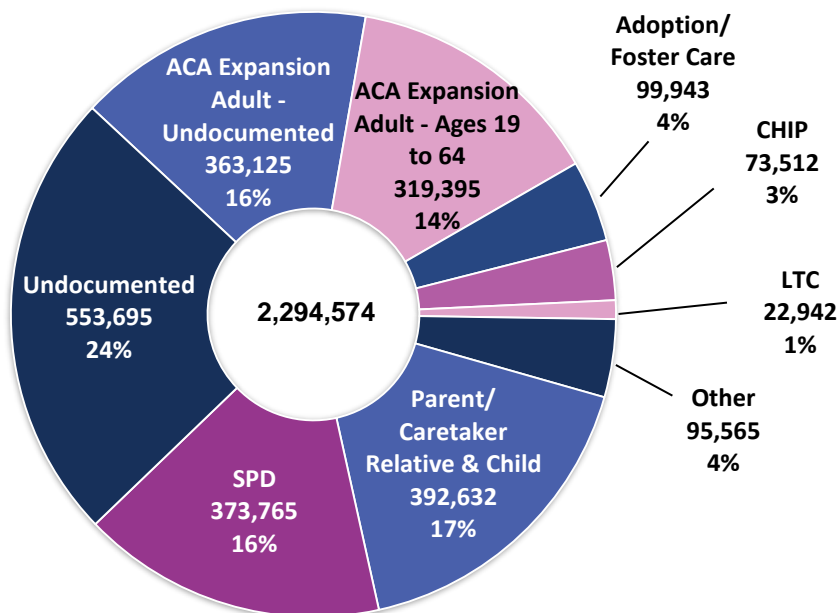


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Month	Fee-for-Service	Managed Care
October 2017	2,430,735	10,901,720
November 2017	2,446,782	10,869,098
December 2017	2,453,015	10,882,702
January 2018	2,520,443	10,825,684
February 2018	2,471,326	10,847,232
March 2018	2,450,872	10,841,927
April 2018	2,400,981	10,833,214
May 2018	2,374,502	10,820,772
June 2018	2,345,813	10,799,059
July 2018	2,345,465	10,780,776
August 2018	2,375,244	10,745,140
September 2018	2,348,280	10,722,011
October 2018	2,361,874	10,690,611
November 2018	2,342,960	10,674,406
December 2018	2,341,932	10,639,228
January 2019	2,375,826	10,597,320
February 2019	2,359,827	10,575,887
March 2019	2,360,600	10,562,756
April 2019	2,317,443	10,548,451
May 2019	2,303,258	10,530,291
June 2019	2,254,395	10,533,106
July 2019	2,268,617	10,500,115
August 2019	2,294,574	10,470,349

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**Figure 12: Aid Category for Fee-for-Service Participants, August 2019**



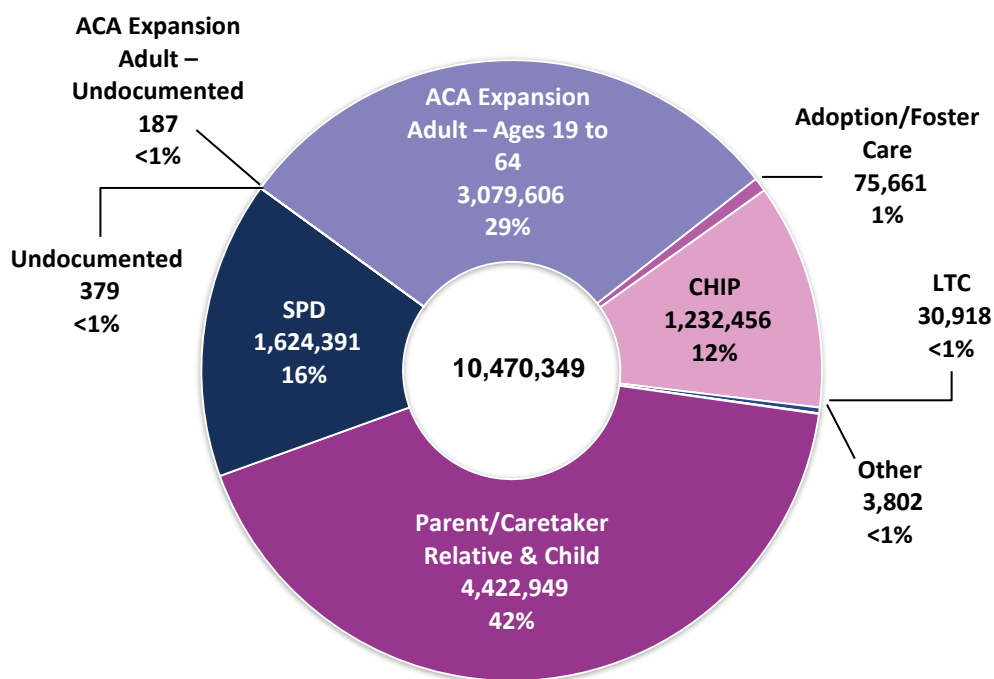
**Table 12: Medi-Cal Enrollment by Fee-for-Service Delivery System and Aid Category, August 2019**

Aid Category – Fee-for-Service	Number of Certified Eligibles	Percentage of Total
ACA Expansion Adult – Ages 19 to 64	319,395	14%
ACA Expansion Adult–Undocumented	363,125	16%
Adoption/Foster Care	99,943	4%
CHIP	73,512	3%
LTC	22,942	1%
Other	95,565	4%
Parent/Caretaker Relative & Child	392,632	17%
SPD	373,765	16%
Undocumented	553,695	24%
All	2,294,574	100%



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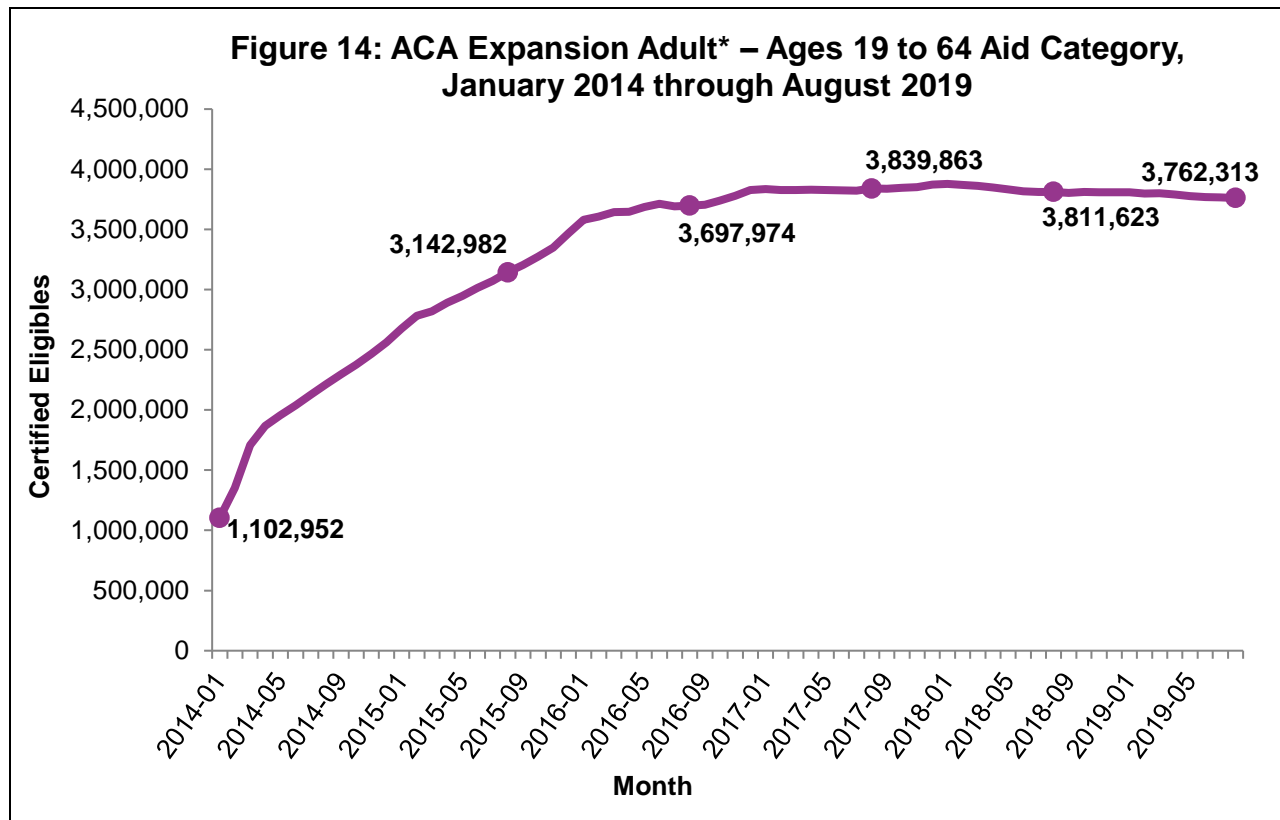
**Figure 13: Aid Category for Managed Care Participants, August 2019**



**Table 13: Medi-Cal Enrollment by Managed Care Delivery System and Aid Category, August 2019**

Aid Category – Managed Care	Number of Certified Eligibles	Percentage of Total
ACA Expansion Adult – Ages 19 to 64	3,079,606	29%
ACA Expansion Adult–Undocumented	187	<1%
Adoption/Foster Care	75,661	1%
CHIP	1,232,456	12%
LTC	30,918	<1%
Other	3,802	<1%
Parent/Caretaker Relative & Child	4,422,949	42%
SPD	1,624,391	16%
Undocumented	379	<1%
All	10,470,349	100%

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**Table 14:** Trend in Medi-Cal Enrollment among ACA Expansion Adult\* – Ages 19 to 64 Certified Eligibles, January 2014 through August 2019

Month	ACA Expansion Adult – Ages 19 to 64 Enrollment
January 2014	1,102,952
February 2014	1,351,457
March 2014	1,708,449
April 2014	1,866,945
May 2014	1,956,147
June 2014	2,038,115
July 2014	2,126,708
August 2014	2,214,315
September 2014	2,295,926
October 2014	2,377,083
November 2014	2,466,687
December 2014	2,561,190
January 2015	2,675,030
February 2015	2,783,853
March 2015	2,820,116
April 2015	2,890,559

\*These totals include the ACA Expansion Adult – Undocumented population, see Table 3.



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Month	ACA Expansion Adult – Ages 19 to 64 Enrollment
May 2015	2,946,158
June 2015	3,012,726
July 2015	3,071,898
August 2015	3,142,982
September 2015	3,206,573
October 2015	3,273,920
November 2015	3,348,965
December 2015	3,469,807
January 2016	3,580,249
February 2016	3,607,270
March 2016	3,645,133
April 2016	3,646,250
May 2016	3,685,988
June 2016	3,711,978
July 2016	3,692,116
August 2016	3,697,974
September 2016	3,704,499
October 2016	3,739,608
November 2016	3,778,923
December 2016	3,827,682
January 2017	3,835,025
February 2017	3,827,585
March 2017	3,827,025
April 2017	3,829,014
May 2017	3,827,313
June 2017	3,824,906
July 2017	3,822,526
August 2017	3,839,863
September 2017	3,837,561
October 2017	3,845,302
November 2017	3,851,329
December 2017	3,873,351
January 2018	3,878,570
February 2018	3,868,968
March 2018	3,862,483
April 2018	3,847,786
May 2018	3,832,612
June 2018	3,816,257
July 2018	3,812,909

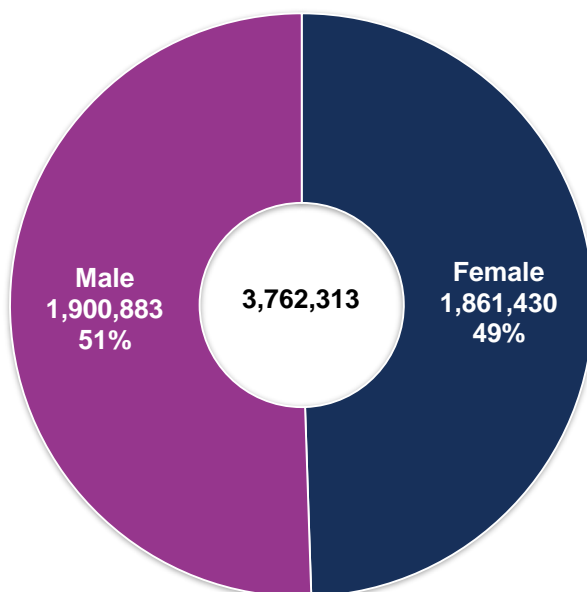


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Month	ACA Expansion Adult – Ages 19 to 64 Enrollment
August 2018	3,811,623
September 2018	3,803,848
October 2018	3,812,791
November 2018	3,810,110
December 2018	3,808,165
January 2019	3,807,785
February 2019	3,797,723
March 2019	3,800,488
April 2019	3,789,998
May 2019	3,777,341
June 2019	3,769,219
July 2019	3,766,919
August 2019	3,762,313

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**Figure 15: ACA Expansion Adult\* – Ages 19 to 64 Aid Category by Gender, August 2019**



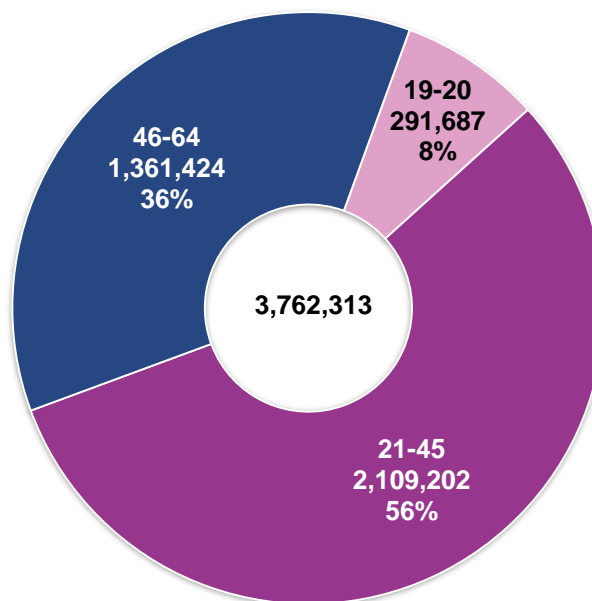
**Table 15: Medi-Cal Enrollment among ACA Expansion Adult\* – Ages 19 to 64 Certified Eligibles by Gender, August 2019**

Gender	Number of Certified Eligibles	Percentage of Total
Female	1,861,430	49%
Male	1,900,883	51%
All	3,762,313	100%

\*These totals include the ACA Expansion Adult – Undocumented population, see Table 3.

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**Figure 16: ACA Expansion Adult\* – Ages 19 to 64 Aid Category by Age Group, August 2019**



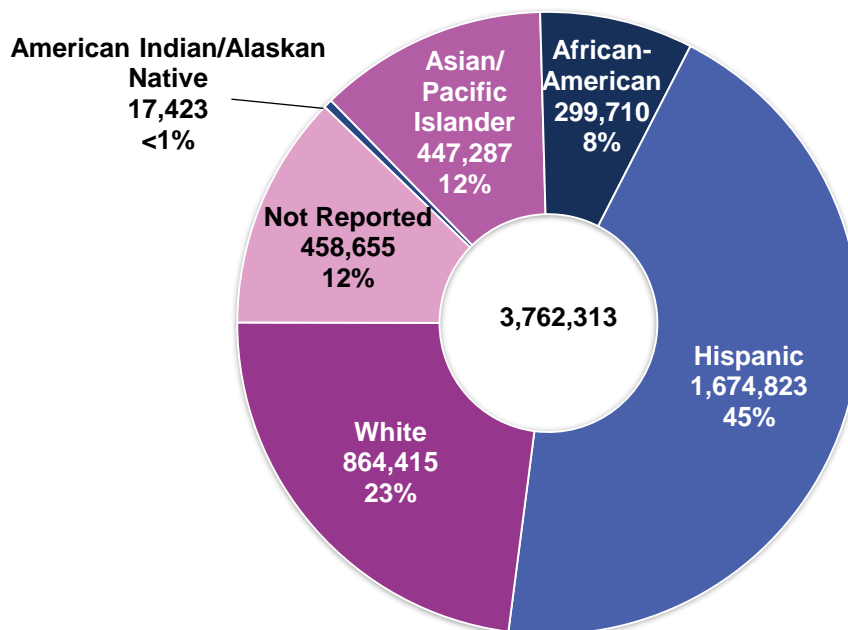
**Table 16: Medi-Cal Enrollment among ACA Expansion Adult\* – Ages 19 to 64 Certified Eligibles by Age Group, August 2019**

Age Group	Number of Certified Eligibles	Percentage of Total
Ages 19-20	291,687	8%
Ages 21-45	2,109,202	56%
Ages 46-64	1,361,424	36%
All	3,762,313	100%

\*These totals include the ACA Expansion Adult – Undocumented population, see Table 3.

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**Figure 17: ACA Expansion Adult\* – Ages 19 to 64 Aid Category by Race/Ethnicity, August 2019**



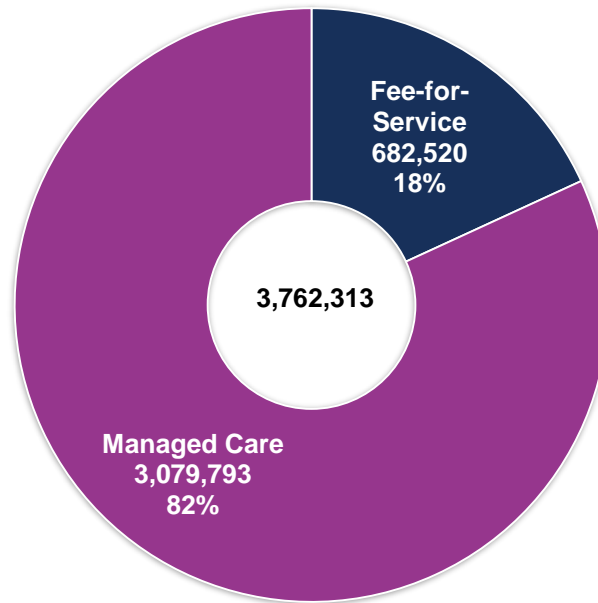
**Table 17: Medi-Cal Enrollment among ACA Expansion Adult\* – Ages 19 to 64 Certified Eligibles by Race/Ethnicity, August 2019**

Race/Ethnicity	Number of Certified Eligibles	Percentage of Total
African-American	299,710	8%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	17,423	<1%
Asian/Pacific Islander	447,287	12%
Hispanic	1,674,823	45%
White	864,415	23%
Not Reported	458,655	12%
All	3,762,313	100%

\*These totals include the ACA Expansion Adult – Undocumented population, see Table 3.

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**Figure 18: ACA Expansion Adult\* – Ages 19 to 64 Aid Category by Delivery System, August 2019**



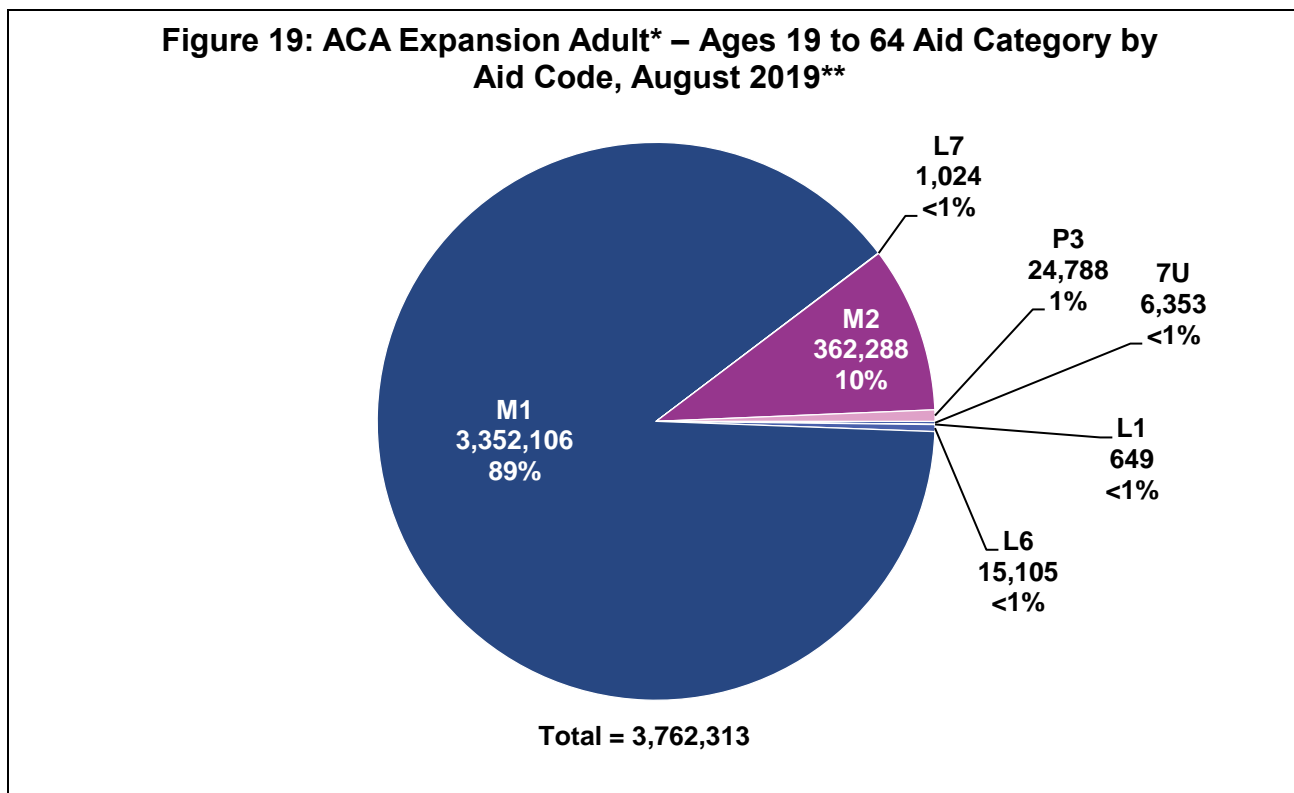
**Table 18: Medi-Cal Enrollment among ACA Expansion Adult\* – Ages 19 to 64 Certified Eligibles by Delivery System, August 2019**

Delivery System	Number of Certified Eligibles	Percentage of Total
Fee-for-Service	682,520	18%
Managed Care	3,079,793	82%
All	3,762,313	100%

\*These totals include the ACA Expansion Adult – Undocumented population, see Table 3.



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**Table 19: Medi-Cal Enrollment among ACA Expansion Adult\* – Ages 19 to 64 Certified Eligibles by Aid Code, August 2019\*\***

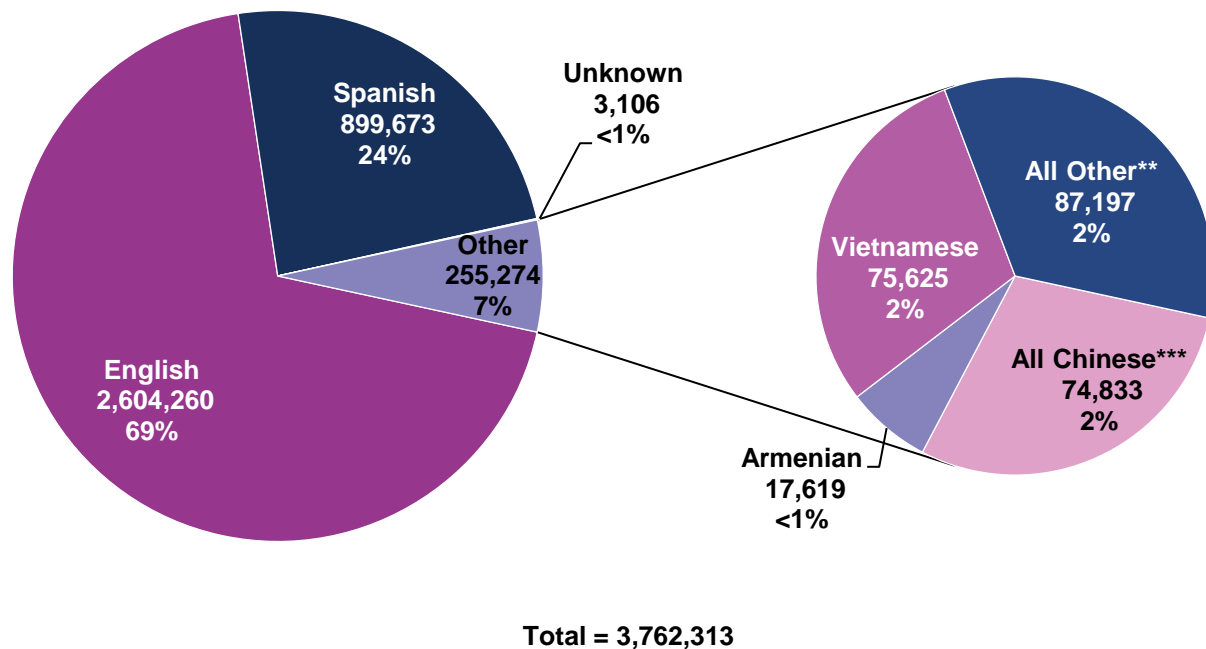
Aid Code	Number of Certified Eligibles	Percentage of Total
7U – Express Lane Enroll (XIX) Adults Ages 19-64 FS No SOC	6,353	<1%
L1 – LIHP/MCE Transition to Medi-Cal	649	<1%
L6 – Disabled/blind Adult 19-64, 0-128% FPL, Citizen/Lawful	15,105	<1%
L7 – Disabled/Blind Adult Undoc 19-64, 0-128% FPL	1,024	<1%
M1 – Adults 19-64 0-138% FPL, Citizen/Lawful	3,352,106	89%
M2 – Adult Undoc 19-64, 0-138% FPL	362,288	10%
P3 – Hospital PE Adult, 0-138% FPL	24,788	1%
All	3,762,313	100%

\*These totals include the ACA Expansion Adult – Undocumented population, see Table 3.

\*\*Refer to the Appendix for full descriptions of ACA Expansion Adult aid codes.

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**Figure 20: ACA Expansion Adult\* – Ages 19 to 64 Aid Category by Primary Language, August 2019**



**Table 20: Medi-Cal Enrollment among ACA Expansion Adult\* – Ages 19 to 64 Certified Eligibles by Primary Language, August 2019**

Primary Language	Number of Certified Eligibles	Percentage of Total
English	2,604,260	69%
Spanish	899,673	24%
All Chinese***	74,833	2%
Armenian	17,619	<1%
Vietnamese	75,625	2%
Other**	87,197	2%
Unknown	3,106	<1%
All	3,762,313	100%

\*These totals include the ACA Expansion Adult – Undocumented population, see Table 3.

\*\*All Other includes: ASL, Arabic, Cambodian, Farsi, French, Hebrew, Hmong, Ilocano, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Lao, Mien, Other Non-English, Other Sign, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Samoan, Tagalog, Thai, and Turkish.

\*\*\*All Chinese includes: Mandarin, Cantonese, and Other Chinese.

### Appendix 1

**Table 21:** Medi-Cal Aid Categories and Aid Codes

Aid Category	Corresponding Primary Aid Codes
ACA Expansion Adult - Ages 19 to 64*	7U, L1, L6, M1, P3
ACA Expansion Adult - Undocumented	M2, L7
Adoption/Foster Care	03, 04, 06, 07, 40, 42, 43, 45, 46, 49, 2P, 2R, 2S, 2T, 2U, 4A, 4E, 4F, 4G, 4H, 4L, 4M, 4N, 4S, 4T, 4W, 5K, 5L
CHIP	2C, 5C, 5D, 5E, 7X, 8P, 8R, 8X, E2, E6, E7, H0, H1, H2, H3, H4, H5, H6, H9, L2, L4, M5, T1, T2, T3, T4, T5
LTC**	13, 23, 53, 63
Other	01, 02, 08, 0A, 0L, 0M, 0N, 0P, 0R, 0T, 0U, 0V, 0W, 0X, 0Y, 2A, 2V, 44, 4K, 4V, 5V, 65, 71, 73, 76, 77, 7F, 7G, 7H, 7M, 7N, 7P, 7R, 7V, 81, 82, 83, 86, 87, 8E, 8W, 90, F1, F2, F3, F4, F5, F6, F7, F8, G0, G1, G2, G3, G4, G5, G6, G7, G8, G9, J1, J2, J3, J4, J5, J6, J7, J8, M9, N0, N5, N6, N7, N8, N9, R1
Parent/Caretaker Relative & Child	0E, 3N, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35, 37, 38, 39, 3A, 3C, 3D, 3E, 3F, 3G, 3H, 3L, 3M, 3P, 3R, 3U, 3W, 47, 54, 59, 5X, 6R, 72, 7A, 7J, 7S, 7T, 7W, 8U, 8V, H7, H8, K1, M3, M7, P1, P2, P4, P5, P7, P9
SPD	10, 14, 16, 17, 18, 1E, 1H, 1X, 1Y, 20, 24, 26, 27, 28, 2E, 2H, 36, 60, 64, 66, 67, 68, 6A, 6C, 6E, 6G, 6H, 6J, 6N, 6P, 6S, 6V, 6W, 6X, 6Y, 8G
Undocumented***	1U, 3T, 3V, 48, 55, 58, 5F, 5H, 5J, 5M, 5N, 5R, 5T, 5W, 5Y, 69, 6U, 70, 74, 7C, 7K, 8N, 8T, C1, C2, C3, C4, C5, C6, C7, C8, C9, D1, D2, D3, D4, D5, D6, D7, D8, D9, L3, L5, M0, M4, M6, M8, P0, P6, P8, T0, T6, T7, T8, T9

\* For this publication, the ACA Expansion Adult population was categorized using the following aid codes: 7U, L1, L6, M1, and P3. The ACA Expansion Adult – Undocumented group was categorized using aid codes M2 and L7.

\*\* Individuals enrolled in LTC aid codes 13, 23, 53, and 63. Does not include individuals who may have used LTC services, but were not enrolled in a LTC aid code.

\*\*\* As they are entitled to full-scope Medi-Cal benefits, children without satisfactory immigration status are dispersed throughout other aid categories.

**Note:** Aid category groupings were established by RASD and are used for analytical purposes only. They do not necessarily represent specific distinctions between eligibility criteria, funding sources, or any other differentiating characteristics.

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**Table 22:** ACA Expansion Adult Aid Code Descriptions

<b>Aid Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
7U	Express Lane Enroll (XIX) Adults Ages 19 to 64 full-scope, no Share of Cost
L1	LIHP/MCE transition to Medi-Cal
L6	Disabled/blind adults age 19 to 64 at or below 128% FPL, Citizen/lawfully present
M1	Adult 19 to 64 at or below 138% FPL
P3	Hospital Presumptive Eligibility Adult, at or below 138% FPL

**Table 23:** ACA Expansion Adult – Undocumented Aid Code Description

<b>Aid Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
M2	Undocumented adult age 19 to 64, at or below 138% FPL
L7	Disabled/blind undocumented adult age 19 to 64, at or below 128% FPL

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